

Population

Kansas increased in population from 2,629,067 residents in 1998 to 2,654,052 residents in 1999, a 1.0 percent increase. Douglas, Harvey, and Johnson counties had the largest increases in population from 1995 to 1999 with percent changes of 11.5, 10.0, and 9.8 respectively. Geary, Greeley, and Wichita counties had the largest decreases in population with percent changes of 15.9, 10.1, and 9.3 respectively. Table 2

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, there were 2,654,052 Kansans in 1999, a 12.9 percent increase in total population since 1979. Figure 4

The rate of natural increase has steadily declined from a rate of 15.0 in 1959. In 1999, the natural increase rate was 5.4, a 1.8 percent decrease from 5.5 in 1998. Figure 5

The median age of Kansans in 1999 was 35.4 years, an 8.3 percent increase from the 32.7 median age in 1989. The median age for Kansas males and females in 1999 was 34.2 and 36.6 respectively. Figure 6 Table 4

The percent increase in the Kansas total population from 1989-1999 was 5.6 percent, including a 5.8 percent increase for Kansas males and a 5.5 percent increase for Kansas females. Shifts in the Kansas population distribution by age from 1989 to 1999 include decreases in the 0-4, 25-34, and 65-74 age-groups of 3.7, 23.1, and 5.9 percent respectively. An increase of 19.6 percent in residents 35-44 years of age and 44.1 percent in residents 45-54 years of age reflects the aging of the baby boomers. Furthermore, there were 4.9, 11.8, 1.9, and 14.0 percent increases in the 5-14, 15-24, 55-64 and 75 and over age-groups respectively. Figure 7 Table 4

The population density of Kansas was 32.4 persons per square mile in 1999, a 25.1 percent increase from 25.9 persons per square mile in 1959 and a 5.5 percent increase in population density since 1989. For comparison, the population density of the U.S. has increased from 49.1 to 73.1 persons per square mile from 1959 to 1999 respectively, a 48.9 percent increase. Figure 8

In 1999, 27 of Kansas' 105 counties had population densities of less than 5.0 persons per square mile. The most sparsely populated county was Wallace, which had a density of 2.0 persons per square mile. The most densely populated county was Wyandotte, with 1,002.5 persons per square mile. Figure 9